

88208-006**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****OCT 04 2004**

In re Application of:

Thomas M. Cross

Serial No.: 10/808,029

Filed: March 24, 2004

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REAL-  
TIME TRANSACTIONAL INFORMATION  
PROCESSING

Group Art Unit: 3625

Examiner: Rhode Jr., R. E.

Attorney Docket No. 88208-006

Via Facsimile 703 872 9306

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

October 4, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to action by the Examiner, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of  
paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

**This Page is Inserted by IFW Indexing and Scanning  
Operations and is not part of the Official Record**

**BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES**

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images include but are not limited to the items checked:

- ☐ BLACK BORDERS
- ☐ IMAGE CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- ☐ FADED TEXT OR DRAWING
- ☐ BLURRED OR ILLEGIBLE TEXT OR DRAWING
- ☐ SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- ☐ COLOR OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS
- ☐ GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS
- ☒ LINES OR MARKS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
- ☐ REFERENCE(S) OR EXHIBIT(S) SUBMITTED ARE POOR QUALITY
- ☐ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.**

**As rescanning these documents will not correct the image problems checked, please do not report these problems to the IFW Image Problem Mailbox.**